

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Okey Travis, cherished residents of Louisiana, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on April 11, 2004, with a festive celebration and dinner hosted by their children at the Light House Inn in Rockport, Illinois; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on April 11, 1954, Okey Travis and Elsie (Sutton) Travis began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony performed at the home of the Reverend O'Neil in Elsberry; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband who stills finds time to pursue woodworking and to work on cars, Mr. Travis provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as a Union carpenter for many companies for thirty-four years before retiring in 1989; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker who derives a tremendous amount of satisfaction from cooking, yard work, and working at home, Mrs. Travis enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself through office work in customer service sales for Stark Brothers in Louisiana prior to retirement in 2001; and

Whereas, devout members of the Grassy Creek Baptist Church, Okey and Elsie Travis attribute their fifty years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to come which include their four children and their spouses, Cathy and Karl Sippely of Louisiana, Kent and Nancy Travis of Frankford, Carolyn and Michael Kauble of Monroe City, and Diane and Keith Patty of St. Charles; and their nine grandchildren, Tina, Tara, Karla, Jennifer, Rebecca, Ryan, Micha, Ben, and Adam; and

Whereas, throughout their blissful union, Okey and Elsie Travis have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for Okey and Elsie Travis upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them tremendous peace and contentment as they proudly continue their journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Okey Travis.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry L. Witte
District No. 10

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker